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Drainage.

By HENDRIX, HICKLIN and
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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section four hundred sixty-one point one
(461.1), Code 1946, providing for cost of operating
and making repairs and improvements to pumping
stations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section four hundred sixty-one point one
2 (461.1), Code 1946, is amended by adding the following
3 thereto: "The yearly cost of operating pumping stations,
4 also the cost of making repairs and improvements thereto shall
5 be assessed against the lands within the district on the basis
6 of the apportionment made for the establishment and construc-
7 tion of the pumping station, and no notice of such assessment and
8 no reclassification of said lands for benefits shall be
9 necessary."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 254

The drainage law contains no specific provision for payment of the operating costs of pump plants. This is being done at present under the provision for maintenance of drainage districts. There is no need for reclassifying lands in order to levy the assessments for operating pumps or keeping them in repair or replacing worn out machinery. The difficulty lies in the fact that the drainage law grew out of the establishment of gravity drainage districts and there was no cost other than the maintenance of ditches. Pump stations, however, require continuous operation, supervision, repair and replacement and these costs are necessarily of the same benefit to the land owners in the districts as was the original construction. This proposed amendment does not in any way affect gravity drainage districts.